

# The Optics Of A Leader

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Optics – the scientific study of sight and the behavior of light.

*What is God looking for? What does He see?*

2 Chronicles 16:1–10 (CEV) ...

“In the thirty-sixth year of Asa’s rule, King Baasha of Israel invaded Judah and captured the town of Ramah. He started making the town stronger, and he put troops there to stop people from going in and out of Judah.

When Asa heard about this, he took the silver and gold from his palace and from the LORD’s temple. Then he sent it to Damascus with this message for King Benhadad of Syria: “I think we should sign a peace treaty, just as our fathers did. This silver and gold is a present for you. Would you please break your treaty with King Baasha of Israel and force him to leave my country?”

Benhadad did what Asa asked and sent the Syrian army into Israel. They captured the towns ... [and] ... fortified the towns ... Soon after that happened, Hanani the prophet went to Asa and said: You depended (*relied*) on the king of Syria instead of depending on the LORD your God. And so, you will never defeat the Syrian army. Remember how powerful the Ethiopian and Libyan army was, with all their chariots and cavalry troops! You trusted the LORD to help you then, and you defeated them. The LORD is constantly watching everyone, and he gives strength to those who faithfully obey him. But you have done a foolish thing, and your kingdom will never be at peace again.”

“The eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” 2 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV)

*How do leaders see? Where do leaders look? Through The Eyes Of A Leader*

## 1. We Are To \_\_\_\_\_ Our Eyes

“I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:1–2 (NIV)

## 2. We Are To \_\_\_\_\_ Our Eyes

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Hebrews 12:1–3 (NIV)

### 3. We Are To \_\_\_\_\_ Our Eyes

“Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight. Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word. Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared. Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good. How I long for your precepts! In your righteousness preserve my life.” Psalm 119:33–40 (NIV)

### 4. We Are To \_\_\_\_\_ Our Eyes

“Be good to your servant while I live, that I may obey your word. Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.” Psalm 119:17–18 (NIV)

### 5. We Are To \_\_\_\_\_ Our Eyes

“I will sing of your love and justice; to you, LORD, I will sing praise. I will be careful to lead a blameless life— when will you come to me? I will conduct the affairs of my house with a blameless heart. I will not look with approval on anything that is vile.”  
Psalm 101:1–3 (NIV)

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“Everything Asa did while he was king is written in *The History of the Kings of Judah and Israel*. In the thirty-ninth year of his rule, he got a very bad foot disease, but he relied on doctors and refused to ask the LORD for help. He died two years later.”  
2 Chronicles 16:11–13 (CEV)

*How might God’s eyes be roaming our world – even now – looking to find faithfulness in us? How might He provide the hope and help we need?*

*Why is it vital for us to regularly look to the Lord for direction and guidance? How does it encourage you to know that He awaits your calls for help?*